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18. (Three-Times Amended) A data distribution method in a network having a plurality of connected nodes for suitable distributing any content as a transactable product, comprising:

sending through the network a data package (information package), having the content as a transactable product, for which a boundary is set in accordance with a predetermined attribute for the transaction and data relating to the transaction, and which the data package includes the data relating to the transaction, and information which defines a predetermined attribute of said data relating to the transaction,

supplying the data package through the network by a data server means, receiving the data package by a data utilization means connected to at least one node on the network, substantially acquiring at least the content according to said boundary, and

carrying out predetermined processing relating to the transaction based on the information of the predetermined attribute for the transaction of the content each time the content delineated by the boundary is newly substantially acquired by the data utilization means.

35. (Three-Times Amended) A computer readable recording medium which a data package for distribution of any content as a product for transaction in a network having a plurality of nodes are connected is recorded and which can be read by a computer substantially connected to the network, the data package comprising:

any content for which a boundary is set in accordance with a predetermined attribute for the transaction and a data relating to the transaction, and which the data

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package includes the data relating to the transaction and an information of said predetermined attribute which defines the predetermined attribute of said data, and information relating to the control for utilization of the content.

52. (Twice Amended) A network system for suitably distributing any content as transactable product, comprising:

one or more data server means and utilization means, and transaction management means comprised on the network system, wherein

said data server means and utilization means transmit and receive through the network system a data package which includes the a transaction and attribute data which define an attribute of said data relating to the transaction, wherein the data and the attribute data included in the data package are located in a boundary, the boundary is set in accordance with an attribute for the transaction and the data relating to the transaction in order to define the scope of data to be used for the transaction,

said data server means supply through the network in accordance with the boundary the data package which includes data of said content as said data relating to the transaction,

said data utilization means receive the supplied data package, and substantially acquire said data of said content in accordance with the boundary, and

said transaction management means performs processing relating to the transaction on the basis of said attribute data every time said data package is received by said data server means or said data utilization means.